Replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4 with the following text:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a direct method, and an apparatus for carrying out the said method, for the manufacture of composite sheets. It also relates to the composite products obtained.

Replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 8 with the following text:

--TECHNICAL FIELD

Composite sheets are usually formed from at least two materials which have different melting points and which generally comprise an organic material and a reinforcing material, the reinforcing material being, for example, in the form of threads embedded in the organic matrix. The manufacture of composite sheets generally takes a long time between the preparation of the reinforcing threads and the moment when the sheets are finally obtained, the structure used for producing the sheets usually not being the threads, as such, but complex structures incorporating the threads and requiring prior processing steps.--

Replace the paragraph starting at page 2, line 5 with the following text:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The object of the present invention is to provide a method which is improved, as compared with existing methods, for the manufacture of composite sheets, in particular a quicker and more economical method than the existing methods.--

Replace the paragraph starting at page 14, line 18 with the following text:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other advantages and characteristics of the invention may be gathered from the following drawings which illustrate the invention, but without limiting it, and in which:--

Replace the paragraph starting at page 14, line 34 with the following text:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TH E INVENTION

In the method illustrated in Figure 1, a double-rapier weaving loom 1 is fed with a bundle of threads 2 (having, for example, 4 threads per cm) which come from rovings 3, the threads passing through a comb and arriving in parallel in the weaving loom (a part which is not